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RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RE: MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OF THE SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56 AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCLAIM BY CERTIFICATE THESE MINOR MODIFICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on September 23, 1965 and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston on December 6, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of Chaper 12 of said Plan entitled: "Modifications" provides that the Urban Renewal Plan may be modified at any time by the Boston Redevelopment Authority without further approval provided that the proposed modifications do not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Authority that the minor modification with respect to Parcel PB-3 is consistent with the objectives of the South End Urban Renewal Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of Chapter 30, Section 61 and 62 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Plan is a minor change and may be adopted within the discretion of the Authority pursuant to Section 1201 of said Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THAT:

Pursuant to Section 1201 thereof of the South End Urban Renewal Plan, Mass. R-56, be and hereby is amended by:

- 1. That Chapter VI, "Land Use, Building Requirement and Other Controls", Section 602, Table A "Land Use and Building Requirements" is hereby modified by changing the Permitted Land Use on a portion of Parcel PB-3 from elementary school and playground to Residential, as shown on map #1.
- 2. That Chapter Vi, "Land Use, Building Requirement and Other Controls", Section 602, Table A "Land Use and Building Requirements" for the portion of Parcel PB-3 shown on map #2 will be residential/commercial on the parcel exclusive of existing school site.
- 3. That residential, residential/commercial portion of PB-3 as shown on map #1 will be subject to rehabilitation in accordance with Authority guidelines and controls.
- 4. That the proposed is found to be a minor modification which does

not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan;

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- 5. That all other provisions of said Plan not inconsistent herewith be and are continuing in full force and effect;
- 6. That it is hereby found and determined that the proposed development will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment and further, that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.
- 7. That the Director be and hereby is authorized to proclaim by certificate these minor modifications of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, RHN 7207.1, circular dated June 3, 1970



MEMORANDUM

TO:

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM:

ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:

SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA,

PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56

PROCLAIMER OF MINOR MODIFICATION

OF URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

PARCEL PB-3

SUMMARY: This memorandum requests that the Authority: (1) Adopt a minor modification of the South End Urban Renewal Plan with respect to Parcel PB-3; and (2) Authorize the Director to proclaim by certificate this minor modification.

Parcel PB-3 in the South End Urban Renewal Area is bounded by Columbus Avenue, Dartmouth Street, a public alley adjacent to the Bancroft School, and West Canton Street. Parcel PB-3 contains the existing Bancroft School as well as the Boston School Committee Building used for apprenticeship and journeyman classes. The remainder of the parcel is residential or residential/commercial in character.

The South End Urban Renewal Plan originally called for the use of this parcel to serve as the replacement site for the Bancroft School. However due to the population shift, which indicates no necessity for the proposed facility; the need for additional housing resources for the community and in order to prevent the encroachment of blight, expansion of the school does not appear feasible. The existing school buildings will remain in the ownership of the School Department.

In the opinion of the General Counsel, the proposed modification is minor and does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan. This modification may, therefore, be effected by vote of the Authority, pursuant to Section 1201 of the South End Urban Renewal Plan.

An appropriate Resolution is attached.

